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TAGS: PFOR, EEC, FR, UK

SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS INTENSIFY BUT NO
AGREEMENT ON "POLITICAL SECRETARIAT"

REF: PARIS 29263

1. GIVEN COMMENTS MADE TO PM DIRECTOR WEISS IN PARIS BY
QUAI OFFICIAL GERGORIN (REFTEL - PARAS 2 AND 3), EMBOFF
QUERIED FRG AND BRITISH EMBASSY EUROPEAN EXPERTS
(WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION TO FRENCH SOURCE) AS TO WHETHER
FORMATION OF EC POLITICAL SECRETARIAT WOULD BE
CONSIDERED AT DEC 14-15 EC SUMMIT AT COPENHAGEN. OUR
SOURCES SAY THE TOPIC HAS NOT ARISEN SO FAR DURING EC-9
DISCUSSIONS AND BELIEVE IT IS UNLIKELY TO DO SO. THIS
IS BECAUSE FRANCE HAS NOT BUDGED FROM HER INSISTENCE
ON PARIS VENUE NOR, AS GERGORIN REITERATED TO WEISS,
FROM FRENCH VIEW THAT AN EC POLITICAL SECRETARIAT MUST
BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM EC COMMISSION OFFICIALDOM. BOTH
FRG AND UK OFFICIALS TELL US THEY ATTACH CONSIDERABLE
IMPORTANCE TO GROWING DE FACTO INTERACTION BETWEEN EC
ORGANS AND POLITICAL COOPERATION; BONN AND LONDON REMAIN
FLATLY OPPOSED TO LOCATING ORGANS OF POLITICAL COOPERA-
TION AWAY FROM "EC COMMUNITY'S BRUSSELS HOME."

2. OUR FONOFF AND BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCES SAY THEY
FULLY SHARE REPORTED FRENCH WISH FOR MORE EFFECTIVE
EC-9 CRISIS MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS, BRITISH REP POINTED
IN THIS CONNECTION TO DOUGLAS-HOME'S COMMENT REPORTED
IN COPENHAGEN 2908 THAT CRISIS CONSULTATIONS ARE BETTER
IN EIGHT DAYS THAN ONE. GERMAN OFFICIAL REITERATED HIS
EXPECTATION TO EMBOFF THAT THIS TOPIC, DESIGNED TO
ENHANCE EUROPEAN OPTIONS, PROBABLY WOULD BE CONSIDERED
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AT EC SUMMIT.

3. OUR SOURCES ALSO RECALLED THAT ORIGINAL GENESIS OF
POLITICAL SECRETARIAT CONCEPT WAS TO PROVIDE BADLY
NEEDED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR SEVERELY OVERTAXED
EC-9 FONOFF POLITICAL CO-ORDINATORS. THIS PROBLEM HAS
CLEARLY INTENSIFIED IN THE PERIOD SINCE THE OCT
1972 PARIS EC SUMMIT; MOREOVER, THE SECOND

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DAVIGNON REPORT ANTICIPATES ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW POLITICAL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUPS ON LATIN AMERICA, AFRICA AND POLICY PLANNING. THE GERMANS ALSO NOTE THAT THE U.S./EC RELATIONSHIP HAS CREATED AN EXTRAORDINARY NEW WORKLOAD FOR THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, THAT DISCUSSIONS OF EC/JAPAN AND EC/CANADA RELATIONSHIPS DOUBTLESS LIE JUST AHEAD, AND THAT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS DETERMINED TO CARRY ON FURTHER INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING THE MIDEAST, EAST/WEST RELATIONS, AND, PERHAPS CHINA.

4. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, FRG (AND UK SOURCES) CONSIDER IT INCREASINGLY LIKELY THAT THE SHEER BULK OF EC-9 WORK, IN TANDEM WITH THE EVIDENT FRENCH WISH THAT THE EC CARVE OUT A FOREIGN POLICY INDEPENDENT OF THE U.S. WILL IN TIME CONVINCE PARIS THAT SOME TYPE OF ADMINISTRATIVE/POLITICAL SECRETARIAT TRANSCENDING THE PREVAILING AD HOC VOLUNTARY ARRANGEMENTS IS A SHEER NECESSITY. WHILE GERGORIN'S REMARKS TO WEISS MAY REFLECT THE BEGINNING OF SUCH RECOGNITION AND WHILE THE RECENTLY MORE FLEXIBLE FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD EC/PC INTERACTION ALSO IS ENCOURAGING TO BONN AND LONDON, WE KNOW OF NO SIGNS TO DATE THAT FRANCE IS YET READY TO ACCEPT A VENUE OTHER THAN PARIS FOR A POLITICAL SECRETARIAT OR TO ACCEPT BRUSSELS AS A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE CURRENTLY ROTATING CONSULTATIONS. FROM THE HARRIED AND RATHER FRAYED LOOK OF THE GERMAN FONOFF CO-ORDINATOR OF EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS, SUCH DECISIONS WILL COME NONE TOO SOON FOR THE DIRECT EUROPEAN FONOFF PARTICIPANTS.
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